

CHAPTER XX.—LABOUR*

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Section 1.—The Government in Relation to Labour

Subsection 1.—The Dominion Department of Labour

The Department of Labour of the Dominion Government was established in 1900. At the outset its chief duties were: the administration of the Conciliation Act designed to aid in the prevention or settlement of disputes, the administration of the Government's fair-wages policy for the protection of workmen employed on Dominion Government contracts and on works aided by grants of public funds, the collection and classification of statistical and other information concerning conditions of labour, and the publication of a monthly periodical known as the *Labour Gazette*.

At the present time, the Minister is responsible for the administration of the following: Conciliation and Labour Act; Industrial Disputes Investigation Act; Fair Wages and Hours of Labour Act; and the Fair-Wages Policy (covering in war-time a large proportion of industry); Government Annuities Act; Combines Investigation Act; Youth Training Act, 1939 and the War Emergency Training Scheme; Vocational Training Co-ordination Act, 1942; Unemployment Insurance Act, 1940; Reinstatement in Civil Employment Act, 1942; certain war-time regulations including the Wartime Wages Control Order and the National Selective Service regulations. The Deputy Minister of Labour is the Director of National Selective Service and the Wartime Wages Control Order is administered by a National War Labour Board.

General information concerning the publications of the Department and operation of the statutes are published in the 1942 Canada Year Book. Only current information is given below and particular attention is paid to war labour policies.

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